

Critical Stage For Shell to Sea Campaign

The Shell to Sea campaign has gone through many learning curves over the past couple of years. Many have been of a positive nature, others have been more challenging.

However, if the most recent 'Day of Action' in Erris have (and previous ones) taught us anything, it was the ability of concerned citizens to have a serious impact on Shell's ability to operate in north-west Mayo. Despite the brutality of the Gardaí and the actions of Shell's security goons, the people of Mayo, Shell to Sea and natural resource activists from across the country have effectively demonstrated their determination to prevent the building of what amounts to a privately-owned time-bomb.

Since its formation, éirígi have been at the forefront of this campaign and we intend to be just as active as it enters a critical phase.

The time has come for the Shell to Sea campaign and the broader Natural Resource movement to obstruct the operations of Shell Oil on a sustained basis, to fully expose the role of the Gardaí as the heavy's of the oil barons and to place significant pressure on the 26 County government over its shameful give away of our resources.

A sense of crisis has to be built in the public mindset about the situation in north-west Mayo.

It is a crises for the local people who have the temerity to stand up to Shell and are faced with the open hostility of 'their' police force as a result, and it is a crisis for these people to witness the building of a huge on-land gas refinery in the vicinity of their homes.

It is also a crisis that is felt every winter by thousands upon thousands of people around Ireland, particularly our elderly citizens, who can't afford to heat their homes while at the same time Shell are pilfering our natural resources with governmental consent.

This situation is immoral and counterproductive to the welfare of the nation. Shell to Sea and other Natural Resource campaigns have the potential to reverse this situation.

The people of Rosspoint have called for another national Day of Action to take place on Friday, October 12. If you are interested in travelling to Mayo contact your local Shell to Sea group.

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**Che Guevara
- 40 years on**

**Thomas Ashe
Commemoration**



éirígí campaigns update

Natural Resources - Bellenaboy action

éirígí activists from across the country traveled to Erris, Co Mayo on Friday, September 14th to join a major 'sit-down' protest at the gates of the site of Shell's proposed gas refinery.

The protest, which developed into a mass occupation of the refinery site, was hailed as a success by éirígí spokesperson Daithí Mac An Mháistír, while the campaign group has vowed to hold similar events in the immediate future. The next Shell to Sea day of Action will be held on Friday 12th October.



• éirígí activists blocking the refinery gates



• Gardai mistreating protesters

Occupation news

September 16 - IMC confirms consolidation of occupation.

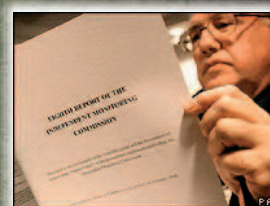
The British controlled IMC (International Monitoring Commission) confirmed that Britain will maintain somewhere in the region of 5,000 combat troops in the six counties on a permanent basis. Their report also highlighted the ongoing use of Irish territory for British military training purposes, with 3,918 hours of British military helicopter flights taking place between February 1 and July 31 of this year.

September 15 - MI5, began recruiting in Ireland.

The British secret service, MI5, notorious for their 'dirty war' operations in Ireland which include the arming and assisting of pro-British death squads, began a major recruitment campaign aimed at luring Irish citizens into its infamous ranks.

September 18 - Colonial police trigger happy use of CS gas.

CS gas - an allegedly 'less-lethal' weapon was added to the arsenal of the paramilitary RUC-PSNI, three years ago. Figures released on September 18th have revealed that they have used it freely ever since. The CS spray has been used on a total of 996 occasions since its introduction at a total cost of £600,000.



IMC



MI5



RUC-PSNI

Ché Guevara 40th Anniversary

October 9th marks the 40th anniversary of the death of the Argentinean revolutionary Ernesto 'Ché' Guevara.

His death robbed the world of one who truly understood in theory and in practice the lengths which need to be gone to if the task of creating a just social order is to be brought successfully to fruition. While his CIA executors believed that by ending his life they had finally removed the threat he represented, El Ché has in death become a timeless example of the type of person that will be needed to bring about new and better world.

Heroic, single-minded, selfless and studious, a tireless worker, ruthless, romantic, and a brutal realist, Guevara was indispensable to the success of the Cuban Revolution in 1959. In many respects, his legacy has been integral to the continuation of the revolutionary process in Cuba.

Guevara could have remained in Cuba and continued the vital work that he was engaged in. But no! What the world needed was 'many Vietnams'; that is, many simultaneous revolutionary anti-imperialist conflicts.

For El Ché the only way to defeat imperialism was to destroy it:

"We must bear in mind that imperialism is a world system, the last stage of capitalism - and it must be defeated in a world confrontation. The strategic end of this struggle should be the destruction of imperialism". True to form, he left Cuba and set out to organise a similar guerrilla struggle in Bolivia. That the people of Bolivia are now, forty years later, in the process of liberating themselves would no doubt greatly gladden his heart.

El Ché had written extensively on the central importance of the character of the revolutionary cadre that would be the tip of the spear in the struggle. His famous work *Man and Socialism in Cuba* is an eloquent exposition of the nature of social change and the effect that Socialism would have on the human condition. In this El Ché showed himself to be one of the great humanist Marxists. The following often-quoted excerpt from *Man and Socialism in Cuba* encapsulates this sentiment beautifully:

"Let me say, with the risk of appearing ridiculous, that the true revolutionary is guided by strong feelings of love. It is impossible to think of an authentic revolutionary without this quality. This is perhaps one of the great dramas of a leader; he must combine an impassioned spirit with a cold mind and make painful decisions without flinching. Our vanguard revolutionaries must idealise their love for the people, for the most hallowed causes, and make it one and indivisible".

Revolutionaries and imperialists alike will forever remember him. His life and death bear enduring testament to the fact that between these two classes of enemy, there can never be a truce.

Hasta la Victoria siempre!!

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Thomas Ashe Commemoration



Up to a 120 people attended éirigi's ninetieth anniversary Thomas Ashe commemoration on Saturday 22nd September.

Geraldine Dougan chaired the event and guests were entertained by poetry and extracts from Thomas Ashe's prison correspondence.

éirigi chairperson Brian Leeson addressed the crowd and outlined the political background to éirigi's recently launched campaign for a British withdrawal. In his contribution Brian referred to the need for a new twenty-first century Irish liberation struggle. He stressed that in this Republicans would need to open to new thinking, beyond the traditional party political model of the last century.

The main speaker of the day, 1981 hunger striker Bernard Fox was the final contributor of the day. He started his speech by thanking éirigi for the invitation to speak and by commending the content of the commemoration. Bernard drew attention to the many parallels between the struggle for political status in the post 1916 period and the 1970's and 1980's..

In his conclusion Bernard re-emphasised the need for opposition to British rule in Ireland, stating that the process of building this opposition would be slow and gradual.



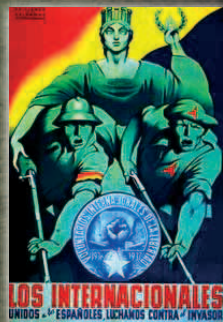
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spanish Civil War memorial unveiling

On Saturday 13th October a memorial will be unveiled commemorating the role of the Irishmen from Belfast who joined the International Brigades and fought in defence of the Spanish Republic during the civil war of 1936-39. The unveiling will take place in Writers' Square, Donegall Street, Belfast on Saturday 13th October 2007 at 11.00am



Shell to Sea

Sit Down Blockade: Bellanaboy

Shell to Sea have called a national mobilisation for a mass sitdown protest at the refinery at Bellanaboy on the morning of October 12. Buses will be travelling from Dublin, Belfast and Cork. For more information visit www.corribsos.com



Lunchtime Talks on the Belfast Dockers Strike 1907

Dublin City Libraries in association with SIPTU are holding 5 lunchtime talks on the above topic in Dublin City Hall, Dame St, Dublin.

The talks take place on Tuesday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Oct from 1.10pm to 1.45pm. Admission is free and all are welcome

